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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SUPPORTING THE ‘IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER TO FURTHER ITS ROLE IN DEVELOPING AND LEADING EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS CONCERNING THE CULTURAL, NATURAL, AND HISTORIC RESOURCES ON MAUNA KEA AT HALE PŌHAKU AND ENCOURAGING THE TRANSFER OF EDUCATION OUTREACH AT THE HALE PŌHAKU TO THE ‘IMILOA ASTRONOMY CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, this body commends the efforts of the ‘Imiloa  
2 Astronomy Center (‘Imiloa) in its use of Native Hawaiian  
3 knowledge, culture, and history at the Mauna Kea Visitor  
4 Information Station Onizuka Center for International Astronomy,  
5 also known as Hale Pōhaku or Mid-Level Support Facility; and  
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7 WHEREAS, ‘Imiloa was built upon unprecedented collaboration  
8 between the Hawaiian community, led by the University of Hawai‘i  
9 at Hilo Ka Haka ‘Ula o Ke‘elikōlani, College of Hawaiian  
10 Language, and the astronomical community to establish its  
11 mission and purpose; and  
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13 WHEREAS, ‘Imiloa has served as a piko, a gathering place,  
14 that brings together various audiences to engage in experiences  
15 grounded in the indigenous Hawaiian worldview that has showcased  
16 academic and scientific research since 2006; and  
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18 WHEREAS, over the past thirteen years, ‘Imiloa has served  
19 over 1,000,000 visitors, ranging in audiences from pre-  
20 kindergarten to twelfth grade students, university students and  
21 faculty, members of the local community, visitors to Hawai‘i, and  
22 local and global scientific communities, and has hosted outreach  
23 events at various community sites throughout the world for  
24 general public engagement; and  
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26 WHEREAS, ‘Imiloa, in partnership with the University of  
27 Hawai‘i at Hilo College of Hawaiian Language, has created  
28 opportunities for Hawaiian language growth and normalization  
29 through projects that establish the Hawaiian language as  
30 standard operations, including the naming of major astronomical  
31 discoveries in the Hawaiian language; and  
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1 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa is a founding member of 'Ohana Wa'a, the  
2 collective entity for all of the voyaging canoes in Hawai'i,  
3 including Hōkūle'a, Makali'i, Hawai'iloa, Mo'okiha, Namahoe, and  
4 Hokualaka'i, to which 'Imiloa contributed resources, tools, and  
5 strategic support, including through its planetarium, to further  
6 teach and perpetuate Hawaiian navigation; and  
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8 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa has partnered with Mauna Kea Observatories  
9 to bring scientific research and discoveries to the public via  
10 education programs and collaborations; and  
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12 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa deepened communication and partnerships  
13 across a multitude of sectors, including formal higher  
14 education, research institutions, Hawaiian epistemological views  
15 and practice, and the local and global community, combining  
16 indigenous and scientific efforts to create solutions that  
17 benefit broader populations; and  
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19 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa is the only astronomical science center in  
20 the world that offers bilingual and bicultural educational  
21 experiences honoring the Native Hawaiian culture and the  
22 surrounding environment and provides a leading model for  
23 integrated, culture-based science education and community  
24 engagement; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, as the parent  
27 organization of 'Imiloa, has resolved to prioritize the  
28 meaningful increase of education and engagement of Native  
29 Hawaiian students, Hawai'i island residents, and residents of the  
30 State in the areas of astronomy, celestial navigation, and  
31 exploration; and  
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33 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i at Hilo has also  
34 prioritized providing financial support to implement an active  
35 educational and outreach program that highlights Native Hawaiian  
36 knowledge and enhances student access to and utilization of  
37 Mauna Kea based astronomical resources in the field; and  
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39 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa will work with the Thirty-Meter Telescope  
40 Project and the Office of Mauna Kea Management to develop  
41 informational exhibits for Hale Pōhaku for visitors regarding



1 the natural, cultural, and archaeological resources of Mauna  
2 Kea; and  
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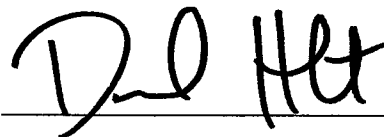
4 WHEREAS, 'Imiloa will work with the Thirty-Meter Telescope  
5 Project and the Office of Mauna Kea Management to develop a  
6 Thirty-Meter Telescope outreach office that will work with  
7 Native Hawaiian groups to support and fund programs specific to  
8 Hawaiian culture and archaeological resources; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
12 2019, that this body supports and encourages the 'Imiloa  
13 Astronomy Center to further its role in developing and leading  
14 educational efforts concerning the cultural, natural, and  
15 historic resources on Mauna Kea at Hale Pōhaku; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body encourages the  
18 transfer of the education outreach efforts and operations at the  
19 University of Hawai'i operated Mauna Kea Visitor Information  
20 Station Onizuka Center for International Astronomy to the 'Imiloa  
21 Astronomy Center; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
25 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chancellor of the  
26 University of Hawai'i at Hilo, Executive Director of the 'Imiloa  
27 Astronomy Center, Chair of the Board of Directors of the  
28 Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i, Chair of the  
29 Senate Standing Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the  
30 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Water, Land, and  
31 Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office  
32 of Hawaiian Affairs, all county mayors, and Pelekikena 'Aha Hui  
33 Siwila 'o Ke Aloha 'Āina.  
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